

Forecast—Probable rain tonight and Tuesday; cooler.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 67; at 2 p. m., 81.

FORGET the heat by burying yourself in "The Stein Girl," a gripping novella by Elliott Flower. Starts in The Times today—ends Saturday.

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## MAYOR MINUTELY DETAILS VARIOUS PHASES OF PLAN

Projected Water System. Integrity of Officials: Everything Discussed.

STRONG PLEA FOR CITY: ITS NEED IS IMPRESSED

Honesty in Building: Value of Works. Guaranteed by Executive.

BY MAYOR ED OVERHOLSER.

In stating my opinion of the proposed water bond issue I am dividing the subject into three sections:

First—Do we need water?

Second—Is the present plan the proper solution?

Third—Have the city commissioners the integrity and ability to construct it?

While apparently there is little need to discuss the first clause, I desire particularly to call your attention to a few pertinent facts. It is impossible to build a city of this size, no larger, without a sufficient steady supply of pure water. Oklahoma City has now received a point in its growth where it must either provide such a supply of water and go ahead or fail to do so backwards.

The health of the entire community depends more upon a sufficient supply of pure water than upon any, or perhaps all, of the other necessities thrown around the health of a large community.

Safety of People.

The safety, as well as the property, of the citizens is dependent upon sufficient water at all times to fight conflagrations, and while it is true that such a conflagration or really disastrous fire has never occurred in this city, it is also true that danger is ever present and the failure of the water supply for thirty minutes could result in the total destruction of the property of this city and the lives of many of its citizens.

It is beyond dispute that it is impossible to maintain the beauty of this community which is now the pride of its citizens and the talk of strangers unless there is a sufficient supply of water during dry times and the heat of the summer; and I, for one, am thoroughly convinced that civic beauty is one of the greatest assets possessed by this town.

As to New Industries.

From a commercial standpoint, if it is impossible to secure new industries or additional population without an immediate visible supply of water, without it our insurance rates are bound to be raised, with it we have the written assurance that they will be decreased at least \$6,000 per annum, based upon our present valuation.

This bond issue also provides \$250,000 for the installation and the extension of water mains that are badly needed and can only be obtained by this method, and their installation will increase the sale of water sufficiently to justify the expense.

And last, if not least, the one greatest obstacle to our growth and prosperity has been the reputation that we have always been without a sufficient supply of water. If no other good was accomplished by the construction of the proposed plant except to restore our reputation, it would be worth all that it would cost us.

Regarding Present Plans.

Taking up the second proposition: Is the present plan the solution? Of the seven different hydraulic engineers, all of national reputation, who have at different times been called to this city to solve our water problem, the decision has been unanimous that the only permanent source of supply is the Canadian River; that the only plan for a permanent supply is the storage of the water of this river. All seven of these men have chosen the location, now proposed, as the most advantageous and logical place to erect this storage basin.

The present plan contemplates a controlling dam, which will create what is known as a sedimentation basin, where the water will be slowed by spreading over a large area and on account of losing its velocity, it will drop the solid matter, usually carried by the river water.

Clear Water Basin.

Below this sedimentation basin is to be constructed a dam that creates what is known as a clear water basin holding approximately seven billion gallons of water, sufficient enough without renewal to last the city, at the present rate of consumption, 300 days.

A bypass is taken from the sedimentation basin and carried around the clear water basin to a point below the main dam, where the water is again turned into the main river bed.

The purpose of this bypass is to take care of the river at flood periods and carry it around the main basin, but it is so arranged that the water can be turned into the clear water basin from the bypass at any time or can be kept from

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## GERARD'S WIFE ACCUSED OF DECORATING DOG IN HONORS GIVEN BY KAISER

AMSTERDAM, May 8.—The extent of the campaign to discredit Ambassador James W. Gerard in Germany is indicated by his interview published in *Vivian*. In the interview, Mr. Gerard said:

"In an effort to malign me, my enemies even wrote to the crown princess that my wife had decorated her dog with the orders the Kaiser had conferred on her and she had taken the dog, thus bedecked, for a walk in Unter den Linden."

Santo Domingo's President Quits



General Juan Jimenez.

Disputes say Gen. Juan Jimenez has resigned as president of Santo Domingo to prevent armed intervention by the United States. Quiet has been restored and congress will appoint a provisional president.

## Attacks Not With Reason, Walker Says

Election Chairman Asserts No Appeal to Court Has Been Made.

Every attack so far made by republicans and socialists on the new registration law has been without foundation, according to A. L. Walker, chairman of the state election board.

The law contains a provision that where a voter is denied the right to register he may appeal to the district court from the decision of the registrar, but no appeal has been taken.

This fact alone disproves all of the charges made by socialists and republicans that the law was designed to disfranchise voters," said Mr. Walker.

In several big precincts in the south part of the state there has been a decrease of approximately 10 percent in the socialist registration, according to figures received by the state and board. In all sections of the state, after all the registration was heavy.

The present regular registration period continues Wednesday.

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## Mary Pickford Talks

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And when she tried to wash and wash until her skin fell dry and cracked, and the white lather which had dried upon it failed to make her as life-like as the ladies in the fairy stories, whom she dreamed of rivaling.

"She's getting homelier every day," the handsome cousin was overheard to remark, but still the poor little girl stuck to the soap and water until the mirror at last decided for her. It was hopeless, and either love would have to die or the homely girl of the family.

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## NOTE PREPARED ACCEPTING NEW U-BOAT PLEDGE

Brief Document Expected to Go Forward to Berlin Before Night.

## REJECTS EFFORT TO DICTATE U. S. POLICY

Declares Negotiations With Great Britain Cannot Be Influenced.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—A note to Germany virtually has been completed and probably will go forward to Berlin late Monday. It will be made public soon afterward. It is understood it will be brief, informing Germany that, as long as the new instructions to submarine commanders are observed, diplomatic relations will be continued, but that the United States cannot allow Germany to dictate the negotiations with Great Britain.

The president worked on the proposed communication early Monday following a conference Sunday night with Secretary Lansing. It is understood nothing will be agreed on the policy to be pursued that it will be necessary to wait on the cabinet meeting Tuesday.

U. S. Not Satisfied.

While the German note is asserted, for the present, at least, to break diplomatic relations, it is said the president is not satisfied with the apparent conditions attached to Germany. The United States stands by its demand that Germany cease her attacks on vessels in violation of international law, regardless of negotiations which may be carried on with Great Britain over the food blockade.

Some advise silence.

Some of his advisers wanted him to make an reply to the German note and await developments, but he is understood to have decided to send the new communication.

PRINCE VON BUELLOW AND KAISER CONFER

LONDON, May 8.—Prince von Buelow, former German imperial chancellor, has been summoned to headquarters by Emperor William, according to a dispatch to the English Telegraph company from The Hague. His visit, adds the dispatch, is said to be one of great political significance.

The Rotterdam correspondent of the English Telegraph company writes the following:

On the occasion of the Easter Festival, Emperor William sent an autograph letter to Prince Buelow expressing the hope that the pontiff will be able to secure the King of Spain, would be able to conclude a scheme with the object of bringing the two countries into closer alliance.

TRIPPERS GIVEN ROYAL WELCOME; VISIT IN TOWNS

Carney Turns Out in Parade, Schools Recess: Arcadia Hospitable.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

CARNEY, Okla., May 8.—At Carney, the third stop of Oklahoma City's trade special on its first day out, schools were recessed and the students cheered the excursionists as they pulled into town. A dozen autos met the train and there followed a parade up-town. All the merchants turned out and heartily welcomed the visitors.

The first stop was made at Arcadia. Every store was visited in that place.

A lone negro greeted the special's arrival at Dallas, and he said he did not know about twenty members.

Three hundred and one names were on the charter Saturday.

OIL WORKERS' UNION.

Ollie R. Wilson, secretary of the state Federation of Labor, has returned from Birkenhead where he installed a union of oil field workers Saturday night. This union at its inception scarcely a month ago had only about twenty members.

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